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# JSEC Newsletter

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## JSEC Classic Name Changed

When members of the brand new Job Service Employer Committee were seeking a fund raising and networking opportunity, Connie Balcer simply said, "JSEC should sponsor a golf tournament." Thus began the JSEC Classic Open Golf Tournament in 1989. Connie was involved, heart and soul, in the annual event until her retirement in 2008.

Now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year, the JSEC Classic will be renamed in honor of the Job Service Employment Specialist who suggested it—the Connie Balcer Memorial JSEC Golf Tournament.

Billed as a "novice golfer's" tournament from its inception, the Connie Balcer Memorial JSEC Tourney will remain a light-hearted affair with nearly every participant awarded a prize. Because of the continued generosity of Glendive businesses and loyal golfers of all skill levels, proceeds from the tournament are available to fund scholarships, business seminars, and other community projects.

This year's Connie Balcer Memorial JSEC Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>. Watch for additional information as the date draws near.



## Business After Hours



Plans are in the works for a Job Service **Business After Hours** event on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Job Service Staff will offer tours of the business, information about services provided and programs operated,

and a preview of plans to remodel and possibly expand the building. Refreshments will, of course, be served.

Mark your calendars. Don't miss out!

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## New Employment Specialist

If you've been into the Job Service office lately, you may have noticed a new Employment Specialist on our staff. Karen Ohlin comes to us with several years of experience working in middle management in Glendive and brings with her an extensive knowledge of employment laws

and policies, as well as familiarity with the local labor pool and job market. Karen is excited to join our staff in assisting job seekers and employers in the growing economy of Eastern Montana.

## Glendive Job Fair

The first Glendive Job Fair hosted a total of 27 employers and resource providers. Evaluations indicated the overall opinion of the Job Fair was a 3.9 (1 being poor, 5 being excellent). At least two of the employers that attended were able to hire new employees from this event.

Attending were: BNSF Railway, CHS, Community First Bank, Dawson Community College, Dawson County Correctional Facility, DEAP Child Care Education & Support,

DLI/WSD Veterans Services, Dwayne's Maintenance, Eastern Montana Industries, Glendive Job Service, Glendive Medical Center, Glendive Public Library, Grief Recovery Method, Healthy Montana Kids, Job Corps, Living Independently for Today & Tomorrow, Mitchell's Oil Field Service, Nabors Well Services Co., Office of Public Assistance/ WoRC, Rural Employment Opportunities, Stockman Bank, Toastmasters, United Parcel Service, U.S. Army, Vocational Rehabilitation, and WIA Youth Employment & Training.

A total of 65 people registered, with at least another 10 people present as "support." Of those registered, 20 were currently employed, 4 were college students, and 3 were high school students.

Thanks to all who participated: Employers, resource providers and job seekers! Changes and improvements are already in the works. Look for an even bigger and better Glendive Job Fair next year!

## New Required Posting for Most Private Sector Employers

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Federal Judge Ber- man Jackson ruled the NLRB did not exceed its statutory authority to require private sector employers to post the NLRB notice. This means most companies with two or more

employees, except for those listed **at the end** of the jurisdictional fact sheet <http://www.nlrb.gov/rights-we-protect/jurisdictional-standards> will need to **post** the NLRB poster **by April 30, 2012**. The 11 x 17 no-

tice is available at no cost from the NLRB website, [www.nlrb.gov](http://www.nlrb.gov), which has additional information on posting requirements and NLRB jurisdiction. The notice is also available at the Job Service at no cost.

## New Option for Veterans and Disability Benefits Questionnaires

Veterans now have more control over the disability claims process. Veterans have the option of visiting a private health care provider instead of a VA facility to complete their disability

evaluation form.

Veterans can have their providers fill out any of the more than 70 DBQs that are appropriate for their condi-

tions and submit them to the VA. It's that easy! Go to <http://benefits.va.gov/TRANSFORMATION/disabilityexams> for more information.

## Unemployment Rates

MT	U.S.
7.2%	8.8%

County Unemployment Rates	
Dawson	3.6%
McCone	3.3%
Wibaux	4.2%

*January 2012 Information*

*Unemployment Rate/Non-Seasonally Adjusted*

## JSEC - A Community Asset

The Job Service Employer Committee (JSEC) is a powerful tool that ensures effective use of your tax dollar, influences how Job Service works, taps into educational and training resources, impacts programs to meet business needs, and provides a statewide network among employers.

The Glendive JSEC serves as an advisory board to Job Service, which has been proven to be a productive and effective public/private partnership. JSEC basically is local business people identifying and addressing the needs of their fellow business

community members. The JSEC also serves as the advisory board to the Business Management Program at Dawson Community College. Members provide input to ensure the courses taught adequately prepare students for the real world of work.

JSEC in Glendive sponsors low-cost, educational seminars right in town, saving travel and per diem dollars.

To enhance networking among business, individuals and public sector, JSEC sponsors the JSEC Classic Golf Tournament annually.

JSEC youth activities include supporting Jobs for Montana's Graduates and hosting a Career Fair every other year. In addition, JSEC awards up to three \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who intend to further their education at Dawson Community College fall semester following graduation. The scholarships are offered to Circle, Dawson County High, Richey and Wibaux County High School students.

The Glendive JSEC has been an asset to the community for 24 years and continually seeks ways to contribute to the economic

productive and useful group, please contact Barb Stairs, Chair 687-7463, Lonnie Cross, Job Service Manager 377-3314 ext 203, Darla Handran, JSEC Coordinator 377-3314 ext 206, or any member.



### JSEC Members

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